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laid it safely upon the bed, replied, "Me catch her spirit, it stay awhile, it not go away yet." Then with tenderness she bent over the dead child, gave way to her grief in moans and in words, which, though not understood by the missionary, were uttered in a voice expressive of the deepest love and sorrow.

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LOCAL MEETINGS

NEW YORK BRANCH

The meetings of the New York Branch during 1909–10 took place at Columbia University on the following dates, and papers were read and discussed as given below. October 21, Mr. P. Radin, on "Winnebago Folk-Lore;" discussion by Messrs. Lowie, Goldenweiser, Hagar, Waterman, Frachtenberg. November 18, Mr. S. Hagar, on "Indian Astronomy;" discussion by Dr. Boas. December 16, Dr. F. Boas, on "Oral Tradition and Literary Form;" discussion by Messrs. Jacobs, Riess, Lowie, Deming. February 17, 1910, Dr. I. Friedlaender, on "The Wandering of a Myth;" discussion by Messrs. Waterman and Ogburn. March 17, Mr. A. Skinner, on "Some Cree Myths," and discussion. April 21, Dr. R. H. Lowie, on Van Gennep's "La Formation des Légendes;" discussion by Dr. Boas. May 19 (at Whittier Hall, by invitation of Miss Louise Haessler), Mr. P. Radin, on "The Two Brothers Myth of the Winnebago," social gathering, and adjournment until the fall.

The first Annual Meeting of the Branch took place on Dec. 16, 1909, at Columbia University. The Branch has over 70 members. The report of the Treasurer showed a clear balance of $9.43, not including the outstanding dues of a number of members. The Chairman appointed Messrs. Goldenweiser, Waterman, and Frachtenberg auditing committee, and instructed them to examine the books of the Treasurer. Professor Boas reported on behalf of the Executive Committee the recommendation of that body that the present officers be reëlected for another year. The Secretary was instructed to cast a ballot for reëlection. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Robert H. Lowie; Vice-President, Joseph Jacobs; Secretary, Leo J. Frachtenberg; Treasurer, Stansbury Hagar; Executive Committee, Franz Boas, Marshall H. Saville, E. W. Deming.